CHAPTER 4--H.F.No. 1

An act relating to health; establishing a fundamental right to reproductive health; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[145.409] REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Short title.** This section may be cited as the "Protect Reproductive Options Act."

Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "reproductive health care" means health care offered, arranged, or furnished for the purpose of preventing pregnancy, terminating a pregnancy, managing pregnancy loss, or improving maternal health and birth outcomes. Reproductive health care includes, but is not limited to, contraception; sterilization; preconception care; maternity care; abortion care; family planning and fertility services; and counseling regarding reproductive health care.

Subd. 3. **Reproductive freedom.** (a) Every individual has a fundamental right to make autonomous decisions about the individual's own reproductive health, including the fundamental right to use or refuse reproductive health care.

(b) Every individual who becomes pregnant has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth, or obtain an abortion, and to make autonomous decisions about how to exercise this fundamental right.

Subd. 4. **Right to reproductive freedom recognized.** The Minnesota Constitution establishes the principles of individual liberty, personal privacy, and equality. Such principles ensure the fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

Subd. 5. **Local unit of government limitation.** A local unit of government may not regulate an individual's ability to freely exercise the fundamental rights set forth in this section in a manner that is more restrictive than that set forth in this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor January 31, 2023